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THE PEACE OF AMERICA

Many far fetched, and oft-times absurd theories have been advanced to explain the cause of the European war which is devastating the old world, creating hundreds of thousands of young widows, and leaving millions of fatherless children.

Some say the war was brought about by the Emperor of Germany because he wanted world power, and emulate, or perhaps surpass, the great Napoleon, of the past century. Others say that commercial extension was desired; a few that it was the outcome of the Franco-German war, wherein France lost her most fertile departments, alsace-Lorraine the loss of which she has never forgiven her adversary; while other charge Great Britain with bringing the war about in order to check the expansion of Germany.

Not a few of the leading scientists, statesmen and great men of affairs contend that the war was inevitable. That Europe was top-heavy with ever increasing armaments, for which the people were being unmercifully taxed, that there had to be a safety valve somewhere.

Several writers have contended that the socialist party in Prussia had reached dangerous numbers, and had assumed an attitude that endangered the permanence of the Hapsburg dynasty, and forecasted that another decade would remove from the throne the present royal family to be replaced by some republican form of government. In order to offset such influence it is stated the German Emperor, having Austria under his thumb used the assassination of the heir apparent as a torch to set alight the powers of the militarists of Europe, gauging aright that only an opportunity was wanted for them to spring at each others throats in the most terrific conflict ever known.

Be that as it may the thirst for blood has gained such headway that the Kings and princess of the land are powerless to stop, and the future only can tell what will be the ultimate result, or the constitution of Europe at the end of the war.

Will the peoples of the old world look to the American continent for example whereby to reconstruct their own lands. May not their eyes wander, even during the terrors of their bloody conflicts, to this hemisphere, and determine to copy the peaceful conditions existing here, eliminating the useless monarchical rule, which has never done anything but bring sorrow and suffering upon the masses of people.

Terrible as this war has been, who knows but that it may be the forerunner of an era of peace for the peoples of Europe, the countries to be at peace and harmony with one another, patterned after the conditions existing between the United States and Canada.

Dr. James A. McDonald, editor of the Globe, Toronto, Canada, who has been in this state attending the opening ceremonies of the Flora MacDonald College of Red Springs, and, in address before the University of North Carolina, very concisely stated the exact relations between these two countries, as follows:

"Four thousand miles of North America's international boundary between the United States and Canada. Four thousand miles where nation meets nation, where interest touches interest, where flag salutes flag, where sovereignty answers sovereignty; four thousand miles with never a fortress,

never a battleship, never a yawning gun, never a threatening sentinel on guard; four thousand miles of civilized and Christianized internationalism: It has held more than a hundred years, and it gives the pledge of peace for a thousand more.

"Had they sought, each generation could have supplied excuses for war as readily in America as in Europe. But war everywhere and always is cruel, is lawless, is a hideous and ghastly crime. And for this reason the internationalism of North America, on the lips of the peoples of both countries, says that between our two nations there shall never again be war. And for us and for our nations the North American idea holds; the right of the free people to govern themselves."

If it were possible to emblazon these few words in the minds of the fighting units in Europe, and of their leaders, no cost would be too great for such an achievement, for it would prevent further devastation of the old world, and would save the heart ache of many a million loved ones.

ROANOKE RIVER BRIDGE

There are many happenings these days that crowd us and leave us barely time for the things we do day by day, it is the height of folly to neglect such matters that are for the material good of the town, and its entire citizenship.

The proposed bridge over Roanoke River is the most important of all the prospective matters that affect us, and since we have elicited the general co-operation of our friends across the river, and those of our community who have given the matter thorough study have pronounced the plan "good" let us get together in a hearty manner, and put the scheme through.

It should be the pleasure of every citizen to see Scotland Neck grow, and none would object to having the population doubled tomorrow, if that were possible, so that this project, which will mean practically that we will have a double portion to trade with, should meet the hearty co-operation of all right thinking men and women.

While there has been little said about establishing a tobacco market here, that would be entirely feasible if one we put through the bridge proposition, and if we do get a tobacco market at this point let it be as good as any in the State, and then we will be justly proud of it.

This is not a one man's job, but it requires the endeavor of every man in this community because no really great venture has ever been successful without hearty co-operation, and for this co-operation The Commonwealth, does and always will, cry aloud.

Report of the Condition of THE BANK OF HOBGOOD

at Hobgood, in the State of North Carolina, at the close of business Nov., 17th, 1916.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts	\$32,914.02
Overdrafts	2,698.58
Banking Houses, Furniture and Fixtures	2,363.07
Due from State Banks and Bankers	14,188.05
Gold Coin	45.00
Silver coin, including all minor coin currency	179.56
National bank notes and other U. S. Notes	406.00

Total \$52,794.28

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	5,000.00
Surplus fund	2,500.00
Undivided profits, less current expenses and taxes paid	206.81
Bills payable	4,000.00
Deposits subject to check	33,753.93
Time Certificates of Deposit	7,092.96
Cashier's Checks outstanding	240.58

Total \$52,794.28

State of North Carolina—County of Halifax, November 24 1916. I, S. L. Hyman, Cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

S. L. HYMAN, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 21 day of November, 1916.

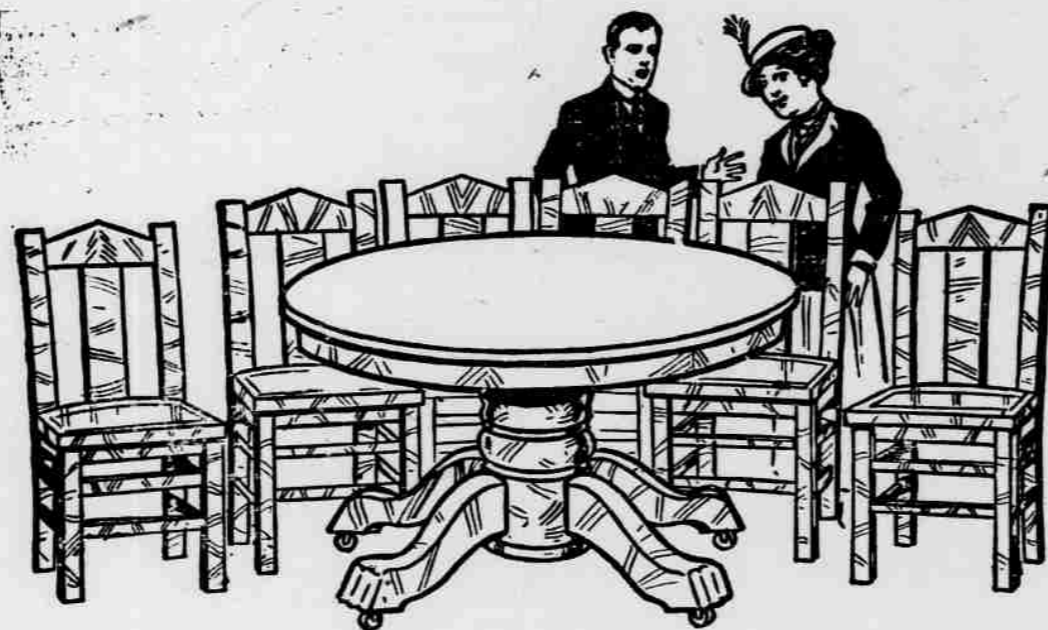
W. D. Hyman, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:

W. D. HEDGEPEETH,
R. J. SHIELDS,
K. LEGGETT,

Directors.

For The Thanksgiving Feast



THE Dining Room should be a cheerful place, for when you eat your meals amid pleasant surroundings you do much to aid digestion. And good digestion means health.

Have Us Furnish Your Dining Room

The variety of designs in tables, chairs, sideboards, china closets, serving tables and the like, is ample to satisfy your desires, whatever they may be, in the matter of style, finish and price. Come in and talk it all over with us. We are as eager to give satisfaction as you are to receive it.

**Our Word Is a Guaranty of Honest Values
Dixie Furniture Co.**

WANT ADS

WANTED—Pine Logs Delivered—at Rate of one Car per day. Pitt Lumber Company, Greenville, N. C.

FOR SALE—1915, 4 cylinder Sax on runabout automobile with self starter and electric lights. New set of tires, good running shape for \$285.00 apply to C. F. MARKS, Tillery, N. C. N. 3 7 10 14 17



Children pull at the heart strings and their slightest illness means anxiety. For nearly a half century mothers have had Dr. King's New Discovery at hand for croup, congestion, coughs, colds and grippe. The mildly laxative ingredients expel the cold germs, the choking phlegm is raised, the congested chest is relieved, the cough loosened and a serious illness is averted. Get a bottle of Dr. King's New Discovery at your druggist to-day.

LOST.—A nice medium sized, Cameo brooch on pink setting with plain gold rim. If found please return to Miss Kate Boyette.

CERTAIN CURE FOR CROUP
Mrs. Rose Middleton, of Greenville, Ill., has had experience in the treatment of this disease. She says, "When my children were small my son had croup frequently. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy always broke up these attacks immediately, and I was never without it in the house. I have taken it myself for coughs and colds with good results."

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Electrical Shampoo and Massage Machines. ENTERTAINMENT WHILE YOU WAIT

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIX

Having this day qualified as Administratrix of John H. Ausbon, deceased, late of Scotland Neck, North Carolina, I hereby notify all persons having claims against the decedent to present the same to me duly verified on or before the 25th day of October, 1917, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to said estate will please make prompt payment to me.

This 25th day of October, 1916.
Mrs. Cottie Everett,
Administratrix of John H. Ausbon.
S. A. Dunn, Attorney.
Nov. 3-7-10-14-17-21-24-28
Dec. 1-5-8-12

STATEMENT OF THE CONDITION OF THE

BANK OF ENFIELD

ENFIELD, NORTH CAROLINA

At the close of business November 17th., 1916

RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans and discounts	\$352,478.89	Capital Stock	\$ 10,000.00
Stocks and Bonds	19,925.00	Surplus fund	50,000.00
Banking House	5,000.00	Undivided Profits & Re'es	17,160.26
Furniture and Fixtures	1,500.00	Accrued I't due depositors	2,000.00
All other real estate	5,395.58	Accrued taxes due	1,000.00
Cash and Cash Items	13,860.07	Cashier's Checks	1,650.86
Due from Banks	127,637.77	DEPOSITS	443,986.19
TOTAL	\$525,797.31	TOTAL	\$525,797.31

I, Ivey Watson, President, of the Bank of Enfield, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

IVEY WATSON PRESIDENT.

Correct—Attest:
GEO. R. CURTIS,
C. E. McGWIGAN,
R. P. PARKER,
Directors.
State of North Carolina—County of Halifax.
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 22nd, day of November 1916.
C. H. Matthews, Notary Public.

A Big Store Full of Good Things to Eat

Doesn't that sound good this close to Thanksgiving and Christmas? Well, it is so, for it would be hard to find a more complete stock of "GOODIES" than right here in my store.

My patronage grows, because my customers are pleased.

I thank you—let it continue to grow.

Your orders are always appreciated.

CLEE VAUGHAN

A SQUARE DEAL ————— COURTESY
BOTH PHONES 174 ————— BOTH PHONES 174

The Largest Exclusive Retail Grocery Business in Halifax County.

1875 ----- 1916

M. Hoffman & Bro.,

See our new arrivals---

Graceful Fur-Trimmed Coats
Comfortable Plush Fur Coats

-- And the --

Last thought in Dainty Dresses

COATS

Our line of LADIES COATS is COMPLETE in every DETAIL—distinct in character, finish and design—Priced to meet the EXIGENCIES of a SHORTENED PURSE.

DRESSES

New line of new MODELS up to the minute—SERGE DRESSES—in many attractive designs, Colors: NAVY BLUE, GREEN CO-PENHAGEN BLUE, have just been received.

FURS

A nice assortment of new Fur Sets, Muff and neckpiece in carefully selected Skins, that are handsomely made up and priced reasonably enough to meet the needs of our customers.

WAISTS

Just a select assortment of a new delivery of LADIES WAISTS that are the new MID-WINTER MODELS, following the most popular ideas; Also a goodly sprinkling of the NOVELTIES of the SEASON in,

LADIES NECKWEAR

Its not the PRICE that tells the story in NECKWEAR but the delicate touch of an ARTISTS HAND—the known want of the Woman of Fashion.

DOWN QUILTS—WOOL BLANKETS

The call of the winter season has sounded the first blast, the cosiness of warm bedding becomes a necessity—we have provided for your wants and have an assortment to please you.

SPECIAL TO THE HOUSEKEEPER

We have received a car load of STOCK'S PATENT FLOUR which we will SELL below NORFOLK PRICES.

M. Hoffman & Bro.

Where Your Father Always Traded.
SCOTLAND NECK, NORTH CAROLINA

FOR A WEAK STOMACH

As a general rule all you need to do is to adopt a diet suited to your age and occupation and to keep your bowels regular. When you feel that you have eaten too much and when constipated, take one of Chamberlain's Tablets.

AN OLD MAN'S STOMACH

As we grow older and less active, less and less food is required to meet the demands of our bodies. If too much is habitually taken, the stomach will rebel. When a man reaches the advanced age of 85 or 90 you will find that he is a light eater. Be as careful as you will, however, you will occasionally eat more than you should and will feel the need of Chamberlain's Tablets to correct the disorder. These tablets do not contain pepsin, but strengthen the stomach and enable it to perform its functions naturally. They also cause a gentle movement of the bowels.

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